

Ione Thurman Gilchrist

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Ione Thurman Gilchrist was born July 30, 1874 at Lehi, Utah the daughter of David J. and Elgiva Evans Thurman.

She received her education at the New West School, Lehi, Utah receiving a diploma upon graduation.

At the age of eighteen, she commenced a teaching career in the public schools of Utah. She taught at Eden and Huntsville and for several years at the old Franklin School in Lehi.

In 1898, she was married to Sydney Gilchrist and became the mother of six children.

At the outbreak of World War I, she was called back to the school room where she continued to serve until ill health compelled her to resign.

Ione Thurman Gilchrist was a natural teacher. Teaching was not merely a job to her, it was a crusade. She sincerely loved children, and working with them was, literally a labor of love. She was especially interested in under privileged or backward children. To help such students find hidden talent and ability, was a source of great pride to her.

Her own children received their own her full measure of devotion and they reached maturity knowing that “Mom” was the kindest, most understanding mother a child could have.

Ione T. Gilchrist died January 25, 1939, having been a widow of eight years, Her passing was mourned by her family and community alike.